



MINUTES

HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE

Friday, January 19, 2024 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Calvin R. Musselman, Chair
Rep. Michael J. Petersen, Vice Chair
Rep. Brady Brammer
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Stephanie Gricius
Rep. Sahara Hayes
Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Rep. Andrew Stoddard
Rep. Norman K Thurston
Rep. Douglas R. Welton

Members Absent:

Speaker Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Musselman called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

1. H.B. 176 Elected Official Vacancy Amendments (Wilcox, R.)

Rep. Ryan Wilcox presented the bill.

Whit Cook, Veteran, and member of the Utah Republican Veterans Caucus, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk Auditor and Legislative Chair, Clerks Association of Utah, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 176 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 9

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

2. H.B. 138 Lobbyist Disclosure and Regulation Act Amendments (Ward, R.)

Rep. Raymond Ward presented the bill.

Justin Lee, Deputy Director, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the bill.

Witt Cook, Legislative Director, Eagle Forum, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to pass H.B. 138 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 11

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. M. Schultz

3. H.B. 28 Emergency Responder Voting Amendments (Lesser, R.)

Rep. Rosemary Lesser presented the bill with the assistance of Shelly Jackson, Deputy Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk Auditor, and Chair, Clerks Legislative Committee, and Utah Association of Counties, spoke in favor of the bill.

Olivia Dawn, Intern Coordinator/Legislative Analyst, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke in opposition to the bill.

David Spatafore, Utah State Fire Chief's Association, Utah Chief's of Police Association, and Law Enforcement Legislative Committee, spoke in favor of the bill.

Marilyn Momeny, citizen, spoke in opposition to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to pass H.B. 28 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 4 - 2.

Yeas - 7

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 4

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. C. Pierucci

Absent - 2

Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. M. Schultz

4. H.B. 79 Initiatives and Referenda Amendments (Dailey-Provost, J.)

Rep. Dailey-Provost presented the bill with the assistance of Brody Bailey, Elections Coordinator, Lieutenant Governor's Office.

Ricky Hatch, Weber County Clerk Auditor, Utah Association of County Clerks, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Brammer moved to hold H.B. 79. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 11

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

5. H.B. 87 Department of Government Operations Revisions (*Gricius, S.*)

Vice Chair Petersen assumed the chair.

Rep. Greccius presented the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to pass H.B. 87 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 10

Rep. B. Brammer
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. S. Hayes
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Petersen
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. D. Welton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. A. Stoddard

MOTION: Rep. Pierucci moved to adjourn.

Vice Chair Petersen adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.